

# Hometown Girl

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Years ago in my hometown I was a headstrong girl and a heart-strong one  
We'd ride all summer with the top rolled down through the sleepy streets of that Jersey town

Now I knew girls when I was sixteen  
Could make a smart boy stutter, turn a nice boy mean  
And the boys made the girls into homecoming queens  
Married each other instead of their dreams[Chorus]

These days I'm mostly out on my own  
Looking for someplace that I can call home

Late at night or just before dawn

I pretend you're with me now

It never seemed that hard before

What happened to that hometown girl?The seasons changed in my hometown

The way they changed in yours

The windows opened up to the spring

Like every spring before

And I ran with boys who weren't like you

I was young, but somehow I knew

The difference between a man and a fool

Sometimes I think that could have been you[Chorus]Hometown girls are like hometown dreams

Some start fading, others stay keen

I won't forget you, but I'll let you be

Love never was that kind to meLate at night or just before dawn

I pretend you're with me now

You had your madness and you had your charm

But only when your heart allowed

And my heart just won't allow no more

What happened to that hometown girl?

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